(*b*) whether there is any rule that preference should be given to those who are in the Government service ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether there is any deviation of the said rule ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : (*a*) A *statement furnishing the particulars is laid on the table.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On one occasion *i. e.*, for the class conducted from Vrischikom to Makarom 1113, 10 private candidates were selected against 5 candidates selected from among Government servants. This was due to the dearth of qualified hands in Theodolite Survey for recruitment as Surveyors on Rs. 25-40 in the temporary establishment sanctioned for the Survey Department.

South Ariad Arattuvazhi.

12. ***Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi** (*Karunagapally Karthigapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the public of Ariad South and North pakuthies in Ambalapuzha taluk or their representatives for the restoration of the South Ariad Arattuvazhi and its conversion into a cartable road ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the representation ;

(*c*) whether the respective owners of lands have undertaken to surrender the lands required free of compensation ;

(*d*) the approximate cost for the construction of the proposed road ;

(*e*) the length of the proposed road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A preliminary investigation was made and a detailed report submitted to Government by the Chief Engineer and Government have called for a detailed estimate for improving the road.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 7,000 approximately.

(*e*) About one mile.

State Transport.

13. ***Mr James Fletcher** : (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are sufficient number of transport buses for hire on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil and Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara routes :

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